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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF SELLING PROCEDURE  
SPECIFIC ALLOGRAFTS AND ASSOCIATED  
INSTRUMENTATION

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Examiner: L. Najarian

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-15 and 17-24, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.